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Applicant: THOMSON CONSUMER ELECTRONICS, INC/  
James Edwin Hailey et al. (U.S. only)  
Int'l. App. No.: PCT/US97/17037  
Int'l. Filing Date: 23 September 1997 (23.09.97)  
Title: SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATICALLY FORMING A  
PROGRAM GUIDE FROM INFORMATION DERIVED  
FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES

## RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO PRIORITY DATE (RULE 91)

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box PCT  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Invitation to Correct Priority Date mailed 31 October 1997 in regard to the subject PCT application. A period of one-month, ending 31 November 1997, was set for response.

Enclosed herewith is a True Copy Statement dated 07 November 1997 which includes a copy of the United States filing receipt for 60/043,539 which indicates the correct filing date of the priority document as 14 April, 1997.

A corrected Page 5 of the Request is submitted to indicate that the filing date of the priority application No. 60/043,539 is 14 April 1997 (14.04.97) and not 14 April 1996; thereby correcting the obvious error which existed on the original page 5 of the Request.

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Applicant submits that the enclosed True Copy Statement, the copy of the filing receipt for the priority document no. 60/043,539 and the corrected Page 5 of the Request, corrects the defects under Rule 91 indicated in the Invitation and places this application in order. Withdrawal of the objections to the subject application is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due in regard to this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge any required fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,  
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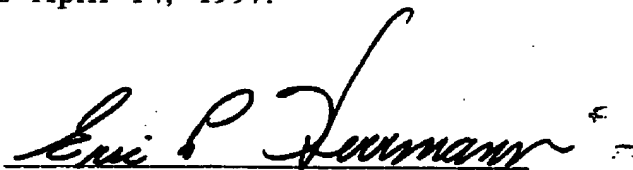
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TRUE COPY STATEMENT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the statement and documents attached are true copies of the original documents received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the above mentioned PCT application.

1. The first document attached is a copy of the filing receipt for U.S. Application No. 60/043,539 indicating that the filing date is April 14, 1997.
2. The second document attached is a corrected Page 5 of the Request indicating that the correct priority date for U.S. Application No. 60/043,539 is April 14, 1997.



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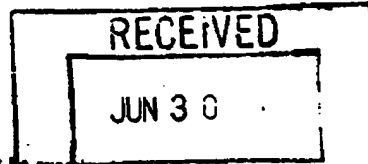
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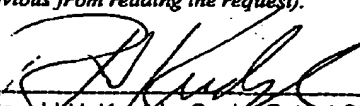
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## CORRECTED PAGE

Sheet No. 5

<b>Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM</b>		Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box <input type="checkbox"/>	
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:			
Country (in which, or for which, the application was filed)	Filing Date (day/month/year)	Application No.	Office of filing (only for regional or international application)
item (1) US	14 April 1997 ( 14-04-97 )	60/D43,539	
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INVITATION TO CORRECT PRIORITY DATE  
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Applicant

THOMSON CONSUMER ELECTRONICS, INC.

1. This receiving Office has noted that the filing date of the earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, has been indicated in the request of the international application as follows:

14 April 96

2. The applicant's attention is called to the fact that this date does not fall within the period of one year preceding the international filing date.
3. Consequently, the applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, either to correct the filing date of the earlier application if erroneously indicated or to cancel the priority claim.
4. Failure to do so shall result in the priority claim being cancelled *ex officio* by this receiving Office.

Name and mailing address of the receiving Office

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NOTIFICATION OF CORRECTION,  
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Administrative Instructions, Sections 402(c) and (d)  
and 415(a) and (b))

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Applicant THOMSON CONSUMER ELECTRONICS, INC.	

The applicant is hereby notified that the International Bureau has taken the following action in respect of the priority claim made in the international application.

## 1. In accordance with the applicant's request:

- ☒ the filing date of the earlier application the priority of which is claimed has been corrected to indicate the following date: 14 April 1997 (14.04.1997)
- ☐ the priority claim has been cancelled.

2. ☐ The priority claim has been cancelled *ex officio*.3. ☐ The priority claim has been withdrawn by a notice received from the applicant on

- ☒ In the case where multiple priorities have been claimed, the above action relates to the following particular priority claim(s):

"US 14.4.1997 60/043,539"

A copy of this notification has been sent to the receiving Office and to

- ☒ the International Searching Authority (where the international search report has not yet been issued)
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